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SUBJ: COFFEE: DUTCH PROPOSALS FOR NEW COFFEE AGREEMENT

REF: LONDON 16263

FOLLOWING COMMENTS MAY PROVIDE SOME BACKGROUND FOR DUTCH PROPOSALS:

A. DUTCH, AS MEMBER OF ICO, DID NOT SEE NEED TO CONSULT EC
BEFORE SUBMITTING PROPOSALS. EC IS OBSERVER ONLY.

B. DUTCH TRADE CONSULTED IN DRAWING UP PROPOSALS. TRADE IS
OPPOSED TO BUFFER STOCKS.

C. "INDEXING CONNOTATIONS" OF PROPOSAL SIX WERE DUE TO INPUT
BY DUTCH MINISTER FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PRONK. VAN DER VELDE
(INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OF MINAG) WHO COMPILED DUTCH
PROPOSALS SAID AIM WAS TO "KEEP EVERYBODY HAPPY" BUT ADMITTED
INDEXING WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO CONSUMERS (INCLUDING DUTCH). HE
MENTIONED OPEC SUGGESTION TO INDEX PETROLEUM PRICE.

D. VAN DER VELDE SEES BRAZIL OPPOSED TO QUOTAS THAT WOULD
NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT RECENT LOW LEVEL OF BRAZILIAN PRODUCTION

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AND PLANNED EXPANSION, I.E., BRAZIL WOULD NOT AGREE TO QUOTAS

WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT BRAZIL'S FUTURE PRODUCTION
INCREASE FROM NEW PLANTINGS.

E. VAN DER VELDE COMMENTED THAT FRENCH POSITION WOULD BE
TO GIVE MOST ADVANTAGE IN NEW AGREEMENT TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES.
("THEY'RE ALL ARABS TO THE FRENCH."). GOULD UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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